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TO: ALL COUNTY CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: CHDP HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROVIDERS WHO ARE LEAD PROFICIENT WITH CLINICAL LABORATORY IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENTS (CLIA) CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER

The federal Food and Drug Administration recently granted Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waived status for the LeadCare II Blood Lead Test System, a point-of-care device for blood-lead testing. Previously, all blood-lead testing was characterized as of moderate or high complexity and required a state clinical laboratory license and a CLIA certificate for non-waived testing.

In collaboration with the California Department Health Services Environmental Health Laboratory Branch (EHLB) and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (CLPPB), the CMS Branch is making it possible for CHDP health assessment providers, who have obtained lead proficiency with a CLIA certificate of waiver for blood lead testing, to be reimbursed for lead testing in their offices.

Policy

The EHLB will notify state CMS Branch when a provider has obtained blood lead proficiency. State staff will verify the active CHDP status as a health assessment provider and verify the CLIA certificate of waiver.

To reimburse health assessment providers for blood lead tests at the laboratory rate of \$22.45, state staff will create a separate provider record and assign a unique CHDP provider number (beginning with the letters CHO) and a non-health assessment provider type. It is not necessary for local CHDP programs to submit a PM 177 to create the new record. A letter (see enclosure) will be generated to the CHDP provider

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identifying the new CHO provider number and instructions for billing CHDP procedure code 15-Lead: Blood lead level types. This code must be billed on a separate Confidential Screening/Billing Report (PM 160) Claim Form using the new CHO provider number. All other health assessment procedure codes must be billed using the provider's health assessment provider number, not the CHO number.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Nursing Consultant.

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Enclosure